

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES



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GOVERNOR ABERCROMBIE RELEASES FUNDS TO MAINTAIN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



In his first executive action, Governor Neil Abercrombie released \$67 million from the Hurricane Relief Fund to restore 17 instructional days for the 2010-2011 school year; and \$23.7 million from the Rainy Day Fund for community programs as appropriated by the state Legislature under Act 191. The released funds will help maintain jobs and services provided by community programs, and end furlough Fridays in the schools.

The Office of Community Services is eligible to receive up to \$475,000 in relief funds to assist our Employment Core Services, including Job Placement and Creation, and the Weed and Seed Strategy program, a longtime community initiative and one-time OCS grantee.

In a meeting at the State Capitol on Wednesday, December 8, lawmakers, government officials, and recipients talked strategy to effectuate the quickest influx of funds into the community. Governor Abercrombie has designated staff for both governmental and non-governmental agencies, who will review their individual situations to determine barriers and solutions to spending.

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A NEW DAY IN HAWAII, A NEW TEAM AT DLIR



Senator Dwight Takamine and Audrey Hidano are the new team heading up the state Department of

Labor and Industrial Relations as its director and deputy director, respectively. They officially began their new duties on Tuesday, December 7, 2010.

Dwight Takamine (DLIR Director) served in the state Legislature for 26 years, representing Hilo, Honokaa and Waimea. He was first elected to the state House of Representatives in 1984 and later elected to the State Senate in 2008. Director Takamine spent 30 years practicing law in Hawaii with a general focus on labor-related cases. He served as chairman of the Senate Labor Committee,

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The non-profit advocacy group, PHOCUSED, also volunteered to coordinate non-profit recipients' efforts.

"This Administration is getting to work right away, taking actions that reflect our values and priorities," Governor Abercrombie said. "We want to keep people working, help the most needy in our community and invest in our children's education."

Governor Abercrombie added, "Private nonprofit organizations are employers. Like all businesses, they are relying on government to follow through on its commitments. We need to get our economy moving and this is a first step."

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House Labor and Public Employment Committee, House Finance Committee and House Water and Land Committee.

As a state lawmaker, he not only maintained his relationships with the citizens of his district but also developed relationships with citizens throughout the state of Hawai'i. He has an understanding of statewide issues and their solutions that support communities in most uncertain of times.

Audrey Hidano (DLIR Deputy) has worked in Hawaii's construction and business industry for almost 40 years. She co-founded two construction companies, Hidano Construction, Inc. in 1974 that

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specializes in residential and light commercial construction and Rim-Pac, Inc. in 1993 that specializes in solid surface work. Ms. Hidano previously held the position as the deputy director of the state Department of Labor and Industrial Relations from 2000 to 2002. She was also the president of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii from 1999 to 2000.

"They are a part of our growing team dedicated to our goal of rebuilding our economy to create good-paying jobs during these difficult times while investing in the people of Hawai'i," Governor-Elect Abercrombie said. "They are key leaders who will play a pivotal role in building a sustainable economy and strong communities for a New Day in Hawai'i."

The days seem shorter, and the nights longer, and it's raining and cold. It's the time of year that we are reminded that mankind is family.

It is the personal thoughtfulness, the warm human awareness, the reaching out of the self to one's fellow man that makes giving worthy of this blessed season, which comes every year and will go on forever.

Happy Holidays from *OCs*

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